

1 As our predecessors a hundred years ago, so
2 here we for many months joined in intense, intelligent,
3 and articulate debate, the end product of which we now
4 proudly present to the people of Maryland.

5 Hopefully, Mr. President, we have written for
6 the ages -- with certainty we are at least convinced that
7 we have written wisely for the moment.

8 The Charter we present to the people of Maryland
9 bears the imprint of no single group -- neither conservative
10 nor liberal, Republican nor Democrat, neither white nor
11 black. It represents the finest reconciliation of strongly
12 held views that this Convention could produce. The near
13 unanimous vote which it has received testifies to the
14 patience, the good will, and the selflessness with which
15 this Convention under your inspired leadership, Mr. President,
16 has conducted its business.

17 However satisfied we are, the final test is yet
18 to come. Have we discharged our obligation in a manner
19 pleasing to the voters of Maryland?

20 There will be opposition. Some will oppose for
21 selfish reasons, some for reasons of misunderstanding, some